

2019 Charter Application Timeline
Adopted April 4, 2019 by the State Board of Education

<p><u>June 3, 2019</u></p>	<p><u>2019 Application Accessible to New Applicant Groups (Acceleration/Fast Track schools opening 2020 & Regular schools opening 2021-22)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application documents posted on Office of Charter Schools (OCS) website • Applicants may begin requesting access to application submission portal <p>Note: All applicants must request access to the online submission portal prior to starting the application. To request access, send an email to ocs@dpi.nc.gov with your name, email address, and proposed school name.</p>
<p><u>July 29, 2019</u></p>	<p>Online Application due for Fast-Track and Acceleration Applicants (2020-2021 Opening)– 5:00 pm Eastern Standard Time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-refundable \$1,000 application fee and Application Fee Payment Form must have been received by the Office of Charter Schools by this date and time <p><u>NOTE: <i>Fast-Track/Acceleration applicants are required to request access to the online submission portal by 5:00 pm EST on July 22, 2019</i></u></p> <p>*An application submitted without the non-refundable fee or submitted after 5:00 pm EST will be considered <i>incomplete</i>*</p>
<p><u>August 26, 2019</u></p>	<p>Online Application for Regular Timeline (2021-2022 Opening) due – 5:00 pm EST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-refundable \$1,000 application fee and Application Fee Payment Form must have been received by the Office of Charter Schools by this date and time <p><u>NOTE: <i>Regular applicants are required to request access to the online submission portal by 5:00 pm EST on August 19, 2019</i></u></p> <p>*An application submitted without the non-refundable fee or submitted after 5:00 pm EST will be considered <i>incomplete</i>*</p>
<p><u>September 2019 - November 2019</u></p> <p>(tentative schedule)</p>	<p>Application Initial and CSAB Committee Review</p> <p>External evaluators and Department of Public Instruction (DPI) staff use an evaluation rubric to provide feedback on each application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OCS compiles the list of clarification items and forwards the list to each applicant <p><u>In-Person Clarification – the CSAB may offer up to a 30-minute in-person clarification opportunity in lieu of written communication for each applicant; the Board of Directors (BOD) and contracted service providers for the proposed school make themselves available to address questions/concerns posed by the committee</u></p>

<p><u>November 2019 - March 2020</u> (tentative schedule)</p>	<p>CSAB Committee Review/Interview of Applicant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All information from the Initial Application Review (external comments plus the responses from the applicants; and completed evaluation rubrics, which <u>may</u> include initial recommendations regarding whether application should move forward) submitted to the CSAB committees • CSAB committee members discuss each application in depth • Staff presents the information from the initial review, answers questions • Interview – for each applicant, members of the Board of Directors (BOD) for the proposed school make themselves available to address questions/concerns posed by the committee/CSAB • CSAB conducts in-depth one-hour interviews of each invited applicant Board of Directors (BOD) before the full CSAB • The full CSAB deliberates following each applicant interview • The full CSAB votes to recommend whether or not the State Board of Education (SBE) should grant approval/initiate the Planning Year for each applicant • Applicant receives official written notification (<i>via the online application system</i>) of the CSAB recommendation <p><i>*Note:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Any applicant group being considered for Fast-Track Replication or <u>Acceleration</u> will receive a priority review</i>
<p><u>October 2019</u></p>	<p>CSAB Fast-Track Applicant Recommendations forwarded to SBE</p>
<p><u>November 2019</u></p>	<p>SBE considers Fast-Track Applicant CSAB recommendations for each Fast-Track applicant and may grant approval of the charter contingent upon successful completion of the Planning Year (also known as “Ready to Open” Process) Applicant notified of the SBE decision (<i>via the online application system</i>)</p>
<p><u>April 2020</u></p>	<p><u>CSAB recommendations for schools to open in 2021-22 forwarded to the SBE</u></p>
<p><u>May 2020</u></p>	<p><u>SBE considers CSAB recommendations for each applicant opening in 2021-22 and may grant approval of the charter contingent upon successful completion of the Planning Year (also known as “Ready to Open” Process)</u></p>
<p><u>August 2020</u></p>	<p>Fast-Track Approved Schools open upon SBE approval of the successful completion of the Planning Year (also known as “Ready to Open” Process) Applicant notified of the SBE decision (<i>via the online application center</i>)</p>
<p><u>June 2020</u></p>	<p>CSAB reconsiders SBE initially denied applications</p>

<u>August 2021</u>	Approved Schools for <u>2021 – 22</u> Open upon the SBE approval of the successful completion of the Planning Year (also known as “Ready to Open” Process) Applicant notified of the SBE decision (<i>via the online application center</i>)
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